

NYKO'S NINTENDO SWITCH DOCK BRICKING CONSOLES; LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST MANUFACTURER



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This past March, reports of Nintendo Switch consoles bricking after using Nyko's third-party dock poured in. Now, one Switch owner is bringing a class action lawsuit against Nyko, alleging the company wasn't vocal enough about the dock's manufacturing defect.

According to a Kotaku report, Michael Skiathitis filed the lawsuit in the U.S. District Court of Central California, alleging the Nyko dock he purchased in Florida damaged his console.

Skiathitis sent his console to Nintendo to get it fixed in April but will likely lose his save data. Unlike other consoles, the Nintendo Switch does not have a way to backup saves. The lawsuit alleges that "unbeknownst to consumers, the Nyko Portable Docking Kits for Nintendo Switch are prone to causing numerous problems to the devices that they are intended to support." The lawsuit also says that Nyko did not go out of its way to disclose the bug to consumers.

Like other third-party companies, Nyko's Nintendo Switch dock offers a cheaper alternative to the official docks, which can run for upwards of \$90. Nyko's dock runs about \$50.

Nyko told Kotaku in March it is “aware of the issue some Portable Docking Kit owners are facing after updating the firmware on their Nintendo Switch to version 5.0,” adding, “we believe it is related to the way the Switch handles AV output for an external TV/monitor while the console is docked on the Portable Docking Kit.” Nintendo also told Kotaku in March that Switch owners probably shouldn’t buy unlicensed products and accessories.

A Nyko representative released this statement to Newsweek regarding the lawsuit.

We are currently investigating this lawsuit with our legal team and cannot provide further comment at this time. We'll issue a statement when appropriate.

For any customers affected negatively by the Portable Docking Kit, we're doing everything we can to remedy the situation. We stand by our products and have policies in place to replace any malfunctioning products and/or consoles negatively affected. We encourage anyone who believes their Nintendo Switch has been affected by our Portable Docking Kit to contact customer support at 888-400-NYKO (6956) or online via our website at <https://nyko.com/pages/contact-us>, through which process we continue to collect additional information for further testing.

Lawyers for Skiathitis have asked consumers who have experienced similar problems, to [contact them](#).